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## AIR DISTRICT OFFERS GRANTS FOR CLEANER HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

Lancaster – On July 26, the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District will begin accepting proposals from local businesses for up to \$511,884 in grants for projects that reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty vehicles and other mobile diesel equipment operated within the local air district's boundaries, which include the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and unincorporated High Desert areas of North Los Angeles County.

Small on-road fleets (very limited funding), small off-road compression ignited fleets, agricultural irrigation pumps and certain off-road large spark ignited engines and locomotives are eligible for repower or retrofit through the Carl Moyer Program. Under the state program, monies are disbursed to local entities via participating air districts to reimburse the partial cost of upgrading or replacing existing equipment with lower emission technology.

Applications will be accepted through October 20, 2010 at 5:00P.M. Should available funding remain after the deadline, applications will continue to be accepted, on a first come, first served basis. To obtain a Call for Projects package, or for more information, contact the AVAQMD at (661) 723-8070, ext. 8 or visit the AVAQMD's website at <a href="https://www.avaqmd.ca.gov">www.avaqmd.ca.gov</a>.